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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kent,

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MR. DULLES:

a. Noted during his appearance before the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Mahon was most interested in the strength of our [redacted] particularly since he had received a briefing while there last fall. The Director said he had advised Mr. Mahon that a reduction has taken place and that consideration is being given to further cutting our strength in [redacted]. The Director commented it would be helpful if he could have an analysis of the strength figures of the [redacted] to include current and proposed reductions which he will forward to Mr. Mahon. Action: DD/P

The Director also commented that he had raised with the Committee the possibility of constructing a house at the new building site for use of the DCI. He said the Committee seemed interested and asked DD/S to provide him with a memorandum covering the legal aspects of any such construction, i.e., would it be necessary that a separate bill be introduced to the Congress or, with the approval of the appropriate committees, could the Agency under its own construction authority build this residence? It was also noted that it would be helpful for the Director to have a memo outlining the security advantages of having a DCI residence in close proximity to the new building. Action: DD/S

The Director stated he had signed the letter to Congressman Cannon regarding the overall cost of intelligence, but stated before forwarding he desired that it be circulated to the members of USIB for confirmation and that General Erskine be requested to clear the Defense figures with Assistant Secretary of Defense Lincoln. Action: DD/I

b. Referred to the proposed story that was to have been published in the Saturday Evening Post based on an interview with [redacted] and commented that in his opinion this matter had been rather badly handled on the part of CIA. He said notwithstanding the fact that [redacted] had apparently refused to allow his picture to be included, without being doctored,

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our representative dealing with the Post people should have been more alert and faster on his feet. The Director emphasized that Colonel Grogan has excellent contacts with the press and we should make use of this in every practical instance. Action: Mr. Bissell undertook to look into this matter.

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d. Referred to Mr. Barnes' cable of 30 March on [redacted] and commented while he certainly desired to salvage as much money as possible out of this operation, he wanted to be sure that [redacted] remains in good hands. Mr. Barnes commented that he had this very much in mind.

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e. Noted he had read with a great deal of interest an OCI memo on foreign students in the USSR, and commented it contained excellent material for an article which might be published in the local and foreign press -- provided, of course, there are no overriding security implications. Mr. Sheldon noted he believed the material could be "cleaned up" and undertook to follow through on the Director's suggestion.

MR. AMORY:

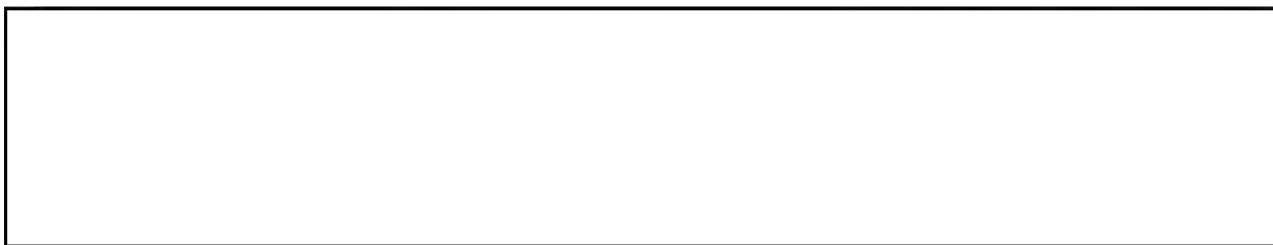
Stated we were faced with the problem of how to arrange for the briefing and debriefing of the lower level people who will accompany the President on his forthcoming trip to the USSR. Mr. Dulles stated this could be handled through Tom Stephens at the White House, and authorized DD/I to proceed accordingly, provided Mr. Amory personally monitors this program.

MR. BISSELL:

a. Reported we had received word of the possibility of the President paying a visit to select Southeast Asia countries after his visit to Japan. Mr. Bissell commented that the itinerary excluded Thailand since our

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relations with this nation are so good it would be a waste of the President's time to stop there. He commented that while foreign visits of the President are by and large the responsibility of the State Department, nothing could be worse than excluding Thailand since that nation is now smarting under reduced U. S. aid. The Director noted his wholehearted agreement, and said that in his opinion it would do more harm than good to leave out selected friendly Southeast Asian countries. Action: C/FE to discuss this matter with Mr. Parsons in State.



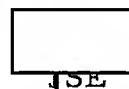
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COLONEL WHITE:



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mendations for future exercises. *The Rec apprised 7/2*



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